

QUALITY OF LIFE



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Climate

Cabarrus County is located in the Piedmont region of North Carolina. This is a transitional area of rolling country between the mountains 80 miles to the west and the coast 160 miles to the east. The general elevation of the area is about 730 feet.

The mountains have a moderating effect on winter temperatures, causing considerable warming of cold air from the northwest winds. The ocean is too far away to have an immediate effect on summer temperatures.

Cabarrus County enjoys a moderate climate. Temperatures fall as low as the freezing point slightly more than one-half of the winter days. The first snowfall tends to occur in late November or December. Any appreciable amount of snow fails to accumulate on the ground for more than a day or two. On the average, the last spring occurrence with a temperature of 32 degrees is in early April. In the fall, the average first occurrence of 32 degrees is early November.

Summers are long and rather warm, with humid conditions typical of the south. Afternoon temperatures are frequently in the low 90's, but reach the century mark only a few times during a summer. Rainfall is evenly distributed throughout the year, with the driest weather usually in the fall. Summer rainfall comes principally from thunderstorms, with occasional dry periods of one to three weeks.

Climate Facts:

Average Temperature (last 30 years)

Maximum 71°F

Minimum 47°F

Average Precipitation (last 30 years)

Rainfall 49 inches

Snowfall 7 inches

Average Risk Indexes (last 30 years)

Earthquake: 72

Hurricane: 173

Tornado: 70

Hail: 232

Wind: 159



Crime Statistics

Number and Types of Crimes: 2003 2004 2005

Violent Crimes

Murder	3	7	6
Rape	19	25	31
Robbery	128	141	125
Aggravated Assault	165	169	232
Total	315	342	394

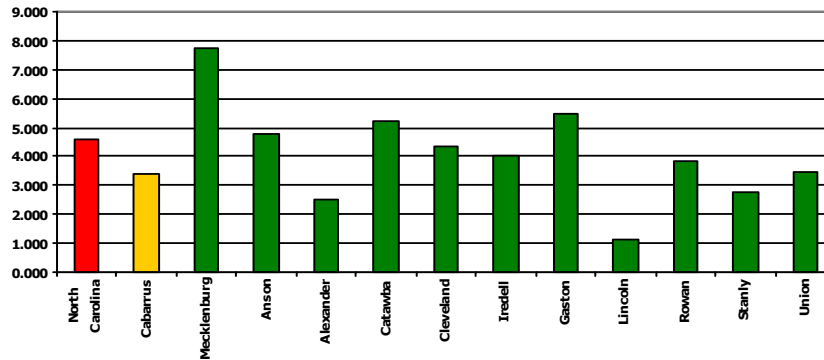
Property Crimes

Burglary	994	1179	1351
Larceny	3311	3339	3153
Motor Vehicle Theft	292	302	408
Total	4597	4820	4912

Total Crimes 4912 5162 5306

Crimes Per 100 Residents 4.67 4.078 4.67

Crime Rates Per 100 Residents - 2005



Note: Includes Violent and Nonviolent Crimes

Source: SBI – Crime Statistics, 2005



Health Care

As Cabarrus County grows, so will its needs for community healthcare. With its College of Health Sciences, Family Medicine, Residency Program, and medical research, NorthEast Medical Center is one of only two true medical centers in the Charlotte region. Through its network of primary care clinics, the medical center has strategically positioned itself to provide quality and convenient healthcare to area residents.

The NorthEast Medical Center (NEMC) Business Health Services assists businesses and other various companies with employee care. Ultimately, NEMC helps to manage businesses healthcare and further work to contain healthcare costs.

To insure that each patient at NorthEast Medical Center receives the best possible care, every employee bases service to patients on these four values:

- Compassionate Care
- Integrity
- Employee Respect
- Accountability

Carolinas Medical Center - NorthEast

920 Church Street North

Concord, NC 28025

Information: 704-403-3000

<http://cmcnortheast.com/>



Historic

Eastern Cabarrus Historic Museum

Built in 1855, the museum is on the National Register of Historic Places. It features a glimpse of Cabarrus County life from 1850 to the early 1900's. Exhibits are displayed in theme rooms with Civil War artifacts and seasonal exhibits.

Reed Gold Mine

Twelve-year old Conrad Reed made the first gold discovery in America at Reed Gold Mine in 1799. The 17-pound nugget was used as a doorstop for three years before his father sold it for \$3.50. You can tour the Visitor's Center, the restored underground tunnels and reconstructed stamp mill, hike and explore the Talking Rocks Trail, see gold and mining exhibits, and pan for gold. Reed Gold Mine is a National Historic Landmark.

Cabarrus County Courthouse

Erected in 1876 as the original courthouse for Cabarrus County, it now houses an extensive library used for genealogical and historical research. The facility is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Concord Downtown

This is a city for anyone who loves history with beautifully restored Victorian homes, one of kind shopping, restaurants and coffee houses, a historic courthouse, and a beautiful Memorial Garden as well as historical home tours.

Mount Pleasant Historic District

On the Register of Historic Places, it offers lovely old homes, churches, museums and mills.

Memorial Garden

In the heart of historic Concord, visit the three acre 1,804 garden, restored for all to see and feel the beauty of earth, trees, and flowers.



Motor Sports Attractions

Lowe's Motor Speedway

The speedway is home to NASCAR, IROC, IRL, World Karting, and Legends car racing. Major NASCAR races are held each year in the months of May and October. Tours are available year-round and a gift shop is well stocked with a variety of race memorabilia.

Dirt Track at Lowe's Motor Speedway

The dirt track in Concord across highway 29 from Lowe's Motor Speedway hosts one special event every month from April to October. Currently the track capacity is at 15,164 plus 240 suite levels.

Concord Motorsports Park

The park presents a wide range of racing events almost year-round. Friday night is Family Night on the ¼ mile track with Legend Cars and Go-Karts. On Saturday nights the powerhouse Late Models race at the world's fastest ½ mile tri-Oval. In addition to weekly scheduled classes, the Concord Motorsports Park hosts touring series events including the Goody's NASCAR Dash Series, the Slim Jim NASCAR All Pro Series, and the ultra high speed ISMA Super Modified.

Backing up Classics Museum

Stroll down memory lane of fine automobiles. This museum contains a fascinating collection of antique, classic, and racecars, plus NASCAR and auto related gift shops. Facilities are available for private meetings and parties.

Hendrick Motorsports Museum

The Hendrick Motorsports Museum is a fifty-five acre complex featuring all Hendrick race teams. Visit the museum to see an assortment of famous racecars from the past, present, and future.



Shopping Attractions

Cannon Village

Restored in the graceful Style of the Colonial era, Cannon Village features antique, outlet, off-price, and specialty shops. Shoppers strolling along the tree lined brick sidewalks will also discover more than 450,000 square feet of fine furniture and accessories.

Concord Mills

A 1.4 million square foot super-regional shopping and entertainment destination with more than 220 retailers, including manufacturers' and designer outlets, theme restaurants, and entertainment venues.

Carolina Mall



Sporting Attractions

Basketball

Charlotte 49ers: Conference USA basketball at the Halton Arena on the campus of UNC Charlotte.

Charlotte Sting: WNBA at the Charlotte Coliseum, located just off of the Billy Graham parkway.

Charlotte Bobcats: NBA at the New Uptown Arena.

Football

Carolina Panthers: NFL football at Ericsson Stadium in Uptown Charlotte.

Carolina Cobras: AFL Football at Charlotte Coliseum, located just off of the Billy Graham parkway.

Baseball

Kannapolis Intimidators: Minor League Single A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox. Games played at Fieldcrest Cannon Stadium in Kannapolis.

Charlotte Knights: AAA Affiliate of the Chicago White Sox. Games played at Knights Stadium in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

Charlotte 49ers: Conference USA baseball played at the Phillips Complex on the campus of UNC Charlotte.

Hockey

Charlotte Checkers: East Coast Hockey League affiliate of the New York Rangers and the Hartford Wolfpack. Games played at Cricket Arena in Charlotte.

Soccer

Charlotte Eagles: The Men's team is an A League Professional team and the Ladies, is an amateur team. The Lady Eagles are the 2001 W2 National Champions.

Charlotte 49ers: Conference USA Soccer played at Transamerica Field on the campus of UNC Charlotte.



Parks & Recreation

North Carolina and Cabarrus County offer a wide range of recreation and vacation opportunities. The Appalachian Mountains are approximately 1½ hours to the west and offer four-season recreation. Whether you enjoy hiking on the Appalachian Trail, white-water rafting on one of the fifteen popular rivers or snow skiing at one of North Carolina's nine ski resorts, you can do it all. There is also more than 250 miles of the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway, providing a unique mountaintop drive with spectacular views. Three hours to the east of Cabarrus County are 300 miles of beautiful coastline offering mild temperatures from March through October.

In the immediate area are numerous golf courses for every level of play; rivers and lakes for fishing, boating, and swimming, and an abundance of parks and recreational facilities. Cabarrus County offers challenging golf at Rocky River Golf Club, Cabarrus Country Club, and Kannapolis Country Club. There are over 85 golf courses in the Charlotte Region. If you choose to venture outside of the region for golf, Pinehurst is less than two hours away. You may even consider making the trip to Myrtle Beach, home of over 100 golf courses in approximately four hours. These are two of the country's premier golf destinations.

If you enjoy water-related activities, the Charlotte region is a good place for you. Hot spots include Lake Norman, 3,200 acre Mountain Island Lake, and 12,000 acre Lake Wylie. Lake Norman is the largest of the three with over 32,000 acres of coverage and 520 miles of shoreline. It offers Lake Norman State Park (located in Iredell County) with swimming areas, a boat launch, picnic facilities, and campgrounds. Ramsey Creek Park, Blythe Landing, and Jetton Park, are nearby in Mecklenburg County.

Cabarrus County operates over thirty school and park sites across the county at various elementary, middle, and high schools. Surrounding neighborhoods benefit from the combination of schools with parks. Citizens identify with the school campus as part of their neighborhood-a convenient gathering place for outdoor recreational activities. Typical facilities located at the sites include athletic fields (baseball, softball, soccer, and football), basketball courts, gymnasium, playground, tennis courts, and walking/jogging trails.



Libraries

Libraries serving Cabarrus County and the Charlotte Region:

- **Cannon Memorial Library**

- **Rowan - Cabarrus Community College Library**

The North Campus library of RCCC holds approximately 40,000 volumes, 4,000 Audio/Visual resources, and over 40 programs on business development, career search, and engineering. The South Campus holds approximately 7,000 volumes and provides access to Job Info Service, a database giving information on available State and Government jobs. Both campuses have Internet access to NC Live, the statewide database for all North Carolina libraries and CC LINC, a link to 40 other community college libraries in the North Carolina system.

- **University of North Carolina at Charlotte - J. Murray Atkins Library**

The UNC Charlotte library is by far the largest library in the piedmont area. The recent \$20.5 million, 110,000 square foot expansion has brought the total size of the library to 280,000 square feet, the total number of volumes to 695,000, total number of government documents to 900,000, current hardbound periodical subscriptions to 5,000, and Networked CD-ROM's and Databases to 117. The library offers a wide selection of state of the art electronic tools used to access local and worldwide resources.



Newspapers

Independent Tribune

924 Cloverleaf Plaza
Kannapolis, NC 28083
704-782-3155
Daily

The Kannapolis Voice

924 Cloverleaf Plaza
Kannapolis, NC 28083
704-782-3155
Weekly

The Standard & Times

11 Union St. South, Suite 208
Concord, NC 28025
704-723-6923
Weekly

The Business Journal

128 South Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202
704-347-2340
Weekly

Northeast Business Today

P.O. Box 145
Concord, NC 28025
704-782-2333
Monthly

Charlotte Observer

600 S. Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28204
704-358-6000
Daily

Cabarrus Neighbors

(Charlotte Observer Insert)
371 Concord Parkway North
Concord, NC 28027
704-786-2185
Sunday & Thursday



Radio & Television Stations

FM Stations

WPEG	97.9	R&B, Rap
WRFX	99.7	Classic Rock
WBAV	101.9	Easy Listening
WBT	99.3	Adult Contemporary
WCCJ	92.7	R&B
WEND	106.5	Modern Rock
WFAE	90.7	Jazz, Blues
WMIT	106.9	Gospel
WNKS	95.1	Top 40
WWMG	96.1	Oldies
WXRC	95.7	Classic Rock
WKKT	96.9	Country
WSOC	103.7	Country
WLYT	102.9	Easy Listening
WMIX	106.1	Adult Eclectic
WRCM	91.9	Christian Contemporary
WSSS	104.7	Classic Rock
WDAV	89.9	Classical
WLNK	107.9	Adult Contemporary

AM Stations

WBT	1110	Adult Contemporary
WNOW	1030	Christian
WFNZ	610	Sports
WHVN	1240	Christian

Television Stations

WCCB	Fox 18
WCNC	NBC 6
WAXN	64
WBTW	CBS 3
WJZY	UPN 46
WTVI	42
WSOC	ABC 9

Cable Television Provider

Time Warner Cable

